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Governor Brewer Receives Innovative Ideas to Conserve State Funds

(Phoenix) – The Arizona Commission on Privatization and Efficiency (COPE) forwarded their initial report to Governor Janice K. Brewer today. The recommendations made by COPE are aimed at right-sizing state government to meet fiscal realities. This first report focuses on recommendations for savings that can be immediately pursued.

"The commission has formulated actionable strategies for the Governor's consideration," said Mark Brnovich, COPE chairman. "Significant savings can be accomplished through streamlining, reorganization or privatization of certain government programs."

The report recommendations address a wide variety of state programs from building maintenance and park concessions, to cell phone contracts. COPE believes that millions of dollars can be saved without sacrificing the quality of service provided to the people of Arizona.

In her State of the State Address in January, Governor Brewer announced the creation of COPE, because Arizona citizens deserve the best and most effective government in return for their hard-earned tax dollars. COPE is charged with determining if the state is providing only appropriate government services, and if so, to evaluate whether such services are being administered in the most cost-effective manner.

Now that their initial recommendations have been delivered to policy makers, COPE members will focus on a final report which will propose structural changes to position the state for long term stability. That report is due December 31, 2010.

For more information, to request a copy of the report or to schedule an interview with COPE Chairman Mark Brnovich, please contact Rick Medina at (602) 604-1801 ext. 206.

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